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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Charles A. Sommer
Division of Intelligence
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: 25X1A5a1 [redacted] Request for
declassification of soil data

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REFERENCE: [redacted] letter 67AT-5368,
25 September 1967

1. Referenced request has been carefully examined by the originating agency of the subject classified material, and it has been determined that the IBM cards and FORTRAN sheets cannot be declassified.

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2. In appreciation of the burden placed upon [redacted] to classify each card and sheet, however, we have examined the standard practices employed by agencies in the intelligence community. Obviously, these agencies have been confronted with the same problem regarding voluminous flow of classified IBM cards. It is a common and acceptable procedure not to classify each card, providing the cards are kept together in a bundle and the bundle stamped on the outside with the appropriate markings. This way the cards or sheets never lose their classification. There is no apparent reason why [redacted] cannot use this same procedure so long as the bundle is treated as classified data -- marked, used, transported, and stored according to established security requirements. I hope [redacted] will find this of some assistance.

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